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Congress Presidential poll: Voting begins

Rahul Gandhi votes at special polling booth in Sanganakal near Ballari; Counting on Oct. 19

Mysuru, Oct.17 (RK&DM)- The voting in the poll for electing the next AICC (All India Congress Committee) President began at the KPCC (Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee) headquarters in Bengaluru this morning.

The poll is witnessing a direct contest between veteran party leader from Karnataka Mallikarjun Kharge and Lok Sabha MP from Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram Shashi Tharoor. For the first time in 22 years, no member of the Gandhi family is a candidate for the party's top post.

Apart from the Congress headquarters at Bengaluru, the polling is also taking place at Sanganakal near Ballari, where special arrangements are made for 40-plus delegates who

It's a direct contest between Kharge and Tharoor

are part of the ongoing Rahul Gandhi-led 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' which is currently on Ballari leg of its Karnataka campaign. Over 9,000 Pradesh Congress Committee delegates from across the country, who make up the electoral college, are casting their votes to pick the next Party chief in a secret ballot. The election is taking place at 65-plus polling booths in all State Unit headquarters of the country.

In Karnataka, there are 463 KPCC delegates who are eligible to cast their ballots. In respect of Mysuru district, there are 22 delegates, including seven from the city — MLA Tanveer Sait, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, former MLAs Vasu and M.K. Somashekar, leaders K. Harish Gowda, T.S. Ravishankar and Narayana, a former city Mayor. The other delegates include MLAs, MLCs and leaders of the party from across the district.

The polling, which commenced at the KPCC Headquarters at 10 am, will end at 4 pm, after which the ballot boxes will be flown to New Delhi, where the counting of votes will be taken up on Oct.19.

(See CONGRESS on page 6)

KRS Dam full as October rains lash Kodagu

45,000 to 50,000 cusecs of water released; North Gate musical fountain cancelled

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (RK&BCT)- While South Karnataka and most parts of Tamil Nadu are set to receive heavy rains following the onset of the North-East Monsoon, the water level at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya District has reached its maximum level in the second week of October and at present, 45,000 to 50,000 cusecs (cubic feet per second) water is being released from the Reservoir.

Today morning's outflow was recorded at over 51,665 cusecs and an inflow of 54,311 cusecs has been recorded. The water release in October when usually the level dips has signalled that there will be no water crisis during the coming dry months for Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru along the Cauvery Basin.

According to the authorities from the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) that manages the KRS Dam, the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) has been achieved in the second week of October due to heavy rainfall in the catchment areas of Kodagu. Even in 2021, the Dam had reached FRL and as such, water was released.

During a normal monsoon, the reservoir tends to attain the FRL (124.80 feet) in the last week of July or sometime in August. Notably, before 2021, the Dam reached FRL only in 2010 as late as the last week of October during a monsoon season. The Dam had attained the FRL in October 1983, 1984, 1995 and in 2010, said CNNL officials.

"Heavy rains in Kodagu in October augmented inflow into the Reservoir and it reached FRL. In fact, the Dam has reported FRL multiple times ever since this year's South West Monsoon picked up pace, much to the relief of residents and farmers," said an officer. Due to heavy outflow, the small bridge that leads to the North Gate of the KRS Dam is submerged and as such, the illumination and musical fountain there has been cancelled.

(See KRS on page 6)

Healthcare outreach in urban areas

Mysuru to get six Namma Clinics

Modelled on the lines of Mohalla Clinics in New Delhi to target smaller populations

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Oct. 17- In a novel initiative to enhance the accessibility to healthcare among the urban poor, the State Government is working towards establishing 'Namma Clinics' to cover a population of 15,000 to 20,000, specifically targeted to areas having a large number of economically vulnerable sections of society.

Six such Namma Clinics have been sanctioned for Mysuru and across the State, over 438 such clinics will offer medical care facilities. Each Namma Clinic will be staffed with one medical officer, one staff nurse, one lower division clerk and one Group D staff.

Patients can get free consultations, free medicines and free lab tests at each Namma Clinic and a total of 14 lab tests will be made available. In case the patient needs further treatments at secondary and tertiary care facilities, they will also be provided free referral. Facilities for tele-consultations with specialists will also be created to expedite the diagnosis and treatment.

According to Mysuru District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad, the major benefit of Namma Clinics is that it will make primary healthcare accessible and affordable to urban poor. "The Government is targeting a population of 15,000 to 30,000 in a particular geographical area. Areas above 50,000 people already have Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and the Namma Clinics will further target smaller populations," he said.

Namma Clinics will also help to screen diseases, especially non-communicable and lifestyle diseases at an early stage thereby making treatment much quicker and mitigating life-threatening complications that occur at advanced stages of the diseases.

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 17th October 2022

Mega Lok Adalat on Nov.12

Likely to resolve 38,752 cases out of pending 1,12,443 cases

Mysuru, Oct.17 (RKB&TRR) Principal District and Sessions Court Judge M.L. Raghunath, who also heads District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) has said that this year's final Lok Adalat will be held on Nov.12 to ensure amicable settlement of pending cases in Mysuru City and District Courts.

Speaking to press persons at Jayanagar Court Auditorium on Friday, he said, "There are 1,12,443 cases pending in various courts of the District, out of which 59,555 are Civil cases and 52,888 are Criminal cases. Of these, 38,752 cases are likely to be resolved in the Mega Lok Adalat and 15,852 cases have already been identified for amicable settlement."

There are 742 pre-litigation cases, 4,418 Cheque bounce cases, 3,954 pertaining to accidents and 2,533 of petty nature which can be closed. It is possible to close cases pertaining Revenue, Tax etc. with the co-operation of Government officials.

There are 250 cases of Land Acquisition by MUDA and its Chairman has expressed readiness to resolve them amicably. Government has directed MUDA to settle cases which can be settled by paying compensation up to a maximum of Rs.20 lakh.

Listing the benefits of Lok Adalat settlements, the Judge said the cases can be amicably settled with very less expenses and in quick time. "The directions of Lok Adalat Court in compromised cases has equal importance of a regular Court. Apart from quick disposal, the relationship of clients are also not harmed. No Court fees need to be paid and client can directly participate in the proceedings. In case of amicable settlement of cases, there will be 100 per cent refund of Court fees. Also, there will be no chance of appeal in Higher Courts against the directions of Lok Adalat," explained Judge Raghunath.

District Legal Services Authority Member-Secretary Devaraj Bhute, Mysore Bar Association President M. Mahadevaswamy and Secretary S. Umesh were present on the occasion.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In Bengaluru, several studies show, most construction workers are migrants from Bihar, UP and Bengal, are largely men, aged between 21 and 35 years, from impoverished families, often from SC/ ST and minority backgrounds and are mostly illiterate. Most come to the city alone and bring their families only when they feel settled. In their villages and home-towns, too, they have little access to education or livelihoods and migration is often the only survival strategy available. At workers' mandis, where they pick up daily/ weekly work, the haggling over their daily labour rates is a window to the exploitation workers face. Women are almost non-existent in this exercise because of exploitation and security issues.

How we treat our workers, how they are paid, the final amount they receive, how they are housed and our everyday interactions with them says a lot about us, as a people and a society. The casualness with which workers are mistreated is problematic and reflective of our society. Perhaps, it is time to engage in more empathy for the Indian worker on our home soil. If every homeowner, developer, architect, contractor, politician and neighbour took small steps by providing better housing, sanitation, education and childcare to the workers on their construction sites, perhaps there is a chance of bettering the conditions of our people.

— Shreya Pillai in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Dance floor that converts body heat into energy

Glasgow: An arts venue in Glasgow, Scotland features an innovative dance floor that creates renewable energy from the body heat of dancers. The innovative system has been three years in the making and is a joint project of SWG3 and geothermal energy startup TownRock Energy.

TownRock Energy explained that Bodyheat works by capturing the heat generated by dancers, which is usually transferred into the venue, and pumping it into 12 boreholes approximately 500 feet deep.

The boreholes lead to a large underground rock cube that acts as a battery, storing the energy so it can be used to supply heat and hot water to the venue. So it cools the atmosphere by sucking all the body heat from it and heats it as necessary.

The service of preserving old and broken gadgets

Beijing: A unique "gadget funeral" service allows people to preserve outdated and broken devices that they are attached to. We tend to get attached to our worldly possessions. And since mobile phones and tablets have become an extension of ourselves, it makes sense that some of us have trouble upgrading even when our old gadgets are struggling. That's where China's gadget funeral service comes in, allowing users to preserve their obsolete devices as framed work of art that can be hung around and admired forever.

Lin Xi, a young woman from Weifang, in China's Shandong Province, started gadget funeral business in 2019.

She came into contact with electronic mounting art. She posted a few examples of her work and in a few days, she had received over 200 orders via social media.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Regular PAPSMEAR test (once in 3 years) is necessary for all women aged 21 to 65 years, who are sexually active. This test is for the detection of any precancerous condition in the mouth of the uterus(cervix) which is treatable.

By Dr. Amulya K.G., Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Applications invited under Udyogini Scheme

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (SSM)- Karnataka State Women's Development Corporation (KSWDC) has launched the Udyogini Scheme in Karnataka under which it aims to promote self-employment by providing subsidy loans.

The prime objective of this scheme is to assist Scheduled Tribe (ST) women to become self-reliant by undertaking the businesses and micro-enterprises and prevent them from borrowing money at high-interest rates from the moneylenders.

Udyogini Scheme provides interest-free loans to women of Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 3 lakh with 50 percent subsidy. Applications may be obtained from their respective Taluk Child Development Welfare Officer's Office on Oct. 20 and submit the filled-in forms before Oct. 31. For details contact, Office of the Child Development Welfare Officers of Mysuru City on Ph: 0821-2491962, Mysuru Rural on Ph: 0821-2567940, T. Narasipur on Ph: 08227-261267, Bilikere on Mob: 82212-97171, Nanjangud on Ph: 08221-226168, Hunsur on Ph: 08222-252254, H.D. Kote on Ph: 08228-255320, K.R. Nagar on Ph: 08223-262714, Periyapatna on Ph:08223-27474.

PRO KABADDI

TODAY'S MATCHES (OCT. 17)

- **Tamil Thalaivas** Vs **Patna Pirates** — 7.30 pm
- **Dabang Delhi** Vs **Haryana Steelers** — 8.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (OCT. 18)

- **Bengal Warriors** Vs **Pink Panthers** — 7.30 pm
- **Telugu Titans** Vs **Puneri Paltan** — 8.30 pm

Venue: **Shree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Bengaluru**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

- **Puneri Paltan 30** Beat **U Mumba 28**
- **UP Yoddha 44** Beat **Bengaluru Bulls 37**

Catch all the live actions on **Star Sports Network** and live streaming on **Disney+Hotstar**

REALLY...?

- *You should never put your feet up on a car's dashboard. Airbags go off like small bombs, and they can break both your legs.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *If you had 13 apples, 12 grapes, 3 pineapples and 3 strawberries, what would you have?*

Billy: *A delicious fruit salad!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.36
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 92.72
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.42
1 Euro	= Rs. 80.26

VOICE OF THE READER

Lingambudhi Botanical Garden closed: Visitors disappointed

Sir,

Apropos the report in *SOM* last month announcing the inauguration of Lingambudhi Botanical Garden on Sept.26 (coinciding with Dasara), the report said that this garden will function from 7 am to 7 pm.

I wish to bring to the notice of the authorities the disappointment on the faces of scores of visitors daily from far and near after seeing the gates shut and a notice in Kannada (with badly spelt words) that the garden is closed for improvement. No further details are given.

It was indeed thrown open to public on 26th even though the grand inauguration was not conducted due to various unknown reasons. The garden was open to visitors after a long incubation period of 11 years.

However, the joy was quite short- lived. Firstly, the announced timing was not maintained. It was at the whims of the garden staff. It was opened after 10 am and closed by 5 pm and on some other days at 6.30 pm.

Further, after Dasara, it has been abruptly closed without any announcement nor the future plans of its reopening and timings. Is this the way the Horticulture Department treats the general public?

Today I saw a large group of ladies coming all the way from Alanahalli Layout having to return utterly disappointed on seeing the notice of closure.

Will the authorities update the public on the firm plans for this garden and its timings and post the necessary staff to maintain it, so as to avoid more and more visitors getting disappointed and blaming the Government for careless attitude?

—Prof. B.S. Shankara (Retd.)

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Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Oct. 17- **Krishnappa** has been awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Preservation and conservation of information resources in University libraries in Karnataka: A study' (Guide: Dr. Mallinath Kumbar).

M.D. Milan Gowda has been awarded Ph.D in Biochemistry by the UoM for his thesis 'Anti-inflammatory activity of eleusine coracana bran extract: Characterization of bioactive molecules' (Guide: Dr. B.S. Vishwanath).

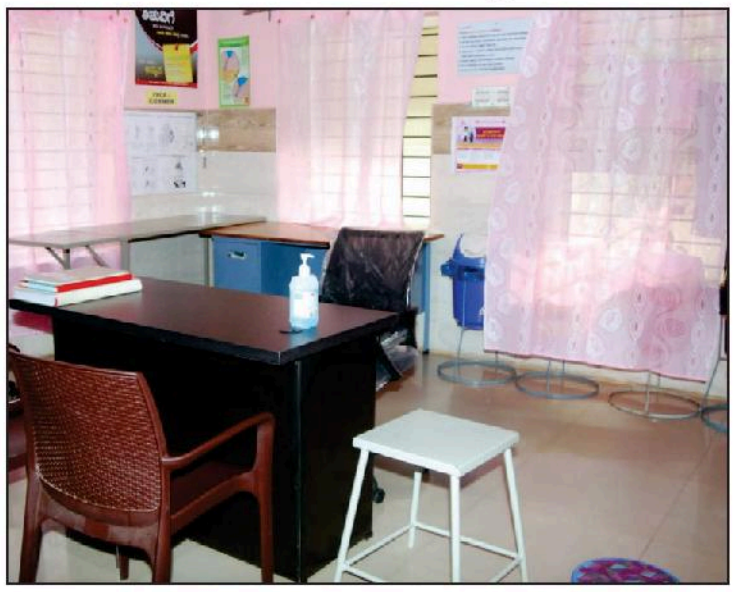
S. Mahesh has been awarded Ph.D in History by the UoM for his thesis 'Bahutwada Karnataka-Swatantryotarada Belavanigegala Ondu Adhyayana (1956-2017)' (Guide:Dr. Aswathanarayana).

N. Upendra has been awarded Ph.D in Physics by the UoM for his thesis 'Studies on Macromolecules Using Molecular Dynamics Simulation Techniques' (Guide: Dr. Krishnaveni).

K.B. Manikanta has been awarded Ph.D in Folklore by the UoM for his thesis 'Nanjangudu Talukina Janapada Rangabhoomi' (Guide: Dr. Vijayalakshmi).

S. Padmaraju has been awarded Ph.D in Folklore by the UoM for his thesis 'Heggadadevanakote Taluku Keregalu: Janapadiya Adhyayana' (Guide: Dr. Vijayalakshmi).

Karnataka's first Women's Wellness Clinics in Mysuru



Mysuru, Oct. 17 (MTY&BCT)- Being a man or a woman has a significant impact on health as a result of both biological and gender-related differences. The health of women is of particular concern because in many societies they are disadvantaged by discrimination rooted in sociocultural factors.

Giving special attention to women's health, the Mysuru District Health Department is all set to launch 10 exclusive Women's Wellness Clinics to provide women-friendly treatment facilities. This is part of a State-wide project that has been sanctioned to establish 128 such clinics all over Karnataka under National Health Mission. In Mysuru, all the 10 Women's Wellness Clinics will be up and running by the end of November.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H Prasad told *Star of Mysore* that Mysuru has been selected for the pilot project with 10 Women's Wellness Clinics and this success story will be replicated across the State. This is a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country and Mysuru has been selected for the pilot project as this Tier-II city has a population of over 10 lakh and has fairly good medical care facilities.

"Though women come to Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres, they are not comfortable discussing their problems openly, especially if the doctors are male. With exclusive women-staffed clinics, they can feel more comfortable about addressing their health issues," he said.

Such clinics will be on par with private women's clinics and will address adolescents and women-related issues, screening, counselling, mental health, diet and nutrition, thyroid issues, family planning services, prenatal and ante-natal care. These clinics will be part of Urban Public Health Centres where a separate portion or room that is painted pink is allocated to examine women. This is to ensure privacy and comfort during treatment, the DHO said.

Apart from the pink room, the Women's Wellness Clinics will have a waiting area, separate enclosure for medical screening and a bed to rest. "The clinics will ensure privacy and comfort during treatment and the staff includes a woman doctor and nurses," he added.

"Women still hesitate to see a male doctor especially for gynaecological issues. These clinics will help women share their personal, private, confidential matters with female doctors, and many problems can be addressed in the initial stages itself," Dr. Prasad stated.

These Women's Wellness Clinics will have facilities for blood tests, medical screening and also to screen non-communicable diseases such as the cancers of the uterus and breasts, he said.

"Facilities and staff will be provided by the Government and all of them have been trained in different aspects of women's health. If required, the women patients will be referred to other Government hospitals for advanced treatment," he said.

10 Clinics to begin functioning by November end

1. Rajendranagar;
2. Nazarbad
3. Bannimantap;
4. H.H.M.B.G. (Jockey Quarters) ;
5. T.K. Layout
6. Nachanahalli Palya ;
7. Giriyabovipalya
8. Kumbarakoppal ;
9. Subramanyanagar
10. Shanthinagar

Mysuru to get six Namma Clinics

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In Mysuru, the Namma Clinics will be established at K.R. Nagar, H.D. Kote and T. Narasipur in the rural belt. "In the urban set up, the areas not covered by the existing Urban PHCs will be brought under the ambit of Namma Clinics. While one Namma Clinic will come up at Hootagalli, the second one will be at Srirampura Second Stage covering Devayyanahundi and Lingambudhipalya. The third such facility will be established at Bharathnagar-Hanchya border," the DHO revealed.

The programme has been focused to address the healthcare needs of the urban poor, especially people falling below the poverty line and people living in huts and slums. In addition to providing healthcare, the Namma Clinics will focus on creating awareness about Government healthcare schemes.

The Namma Clinics are being established in Government buildings and rented buildings which have an area of 1,000-1,200 sq.ft. "We have already identified the buildings from where the Namma Clinics will function from Mysuru and the staff and equipment will be provided by the State Government. Each Namma Clinic will come under the jurisdiction of the DHO. We are aiming to start all the clinics from November first week," Dr. Prasad added.

According to him, the clinics will also create awareness about Yoga, Pranayama, Dhyana and food habits. Apparently the Namma Clinics are being established taking a cue from Delhi Government's Mohalla Clinic.

NEWS BRIEFS

Acupressure, Sujok treatment camp

Mysore District Nature Cure Federation (Mysore Zilla Prakrithika Chikitsa Parishath) has organised a 30-day health camp (Acupressure, Sujok and Accu Digital Physiotherapy Treatment Camp) at Sri Rama Mandira, 16th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Jayanagar, between 10.30 am and 5.30 pm starting from today (Oct. 17). Call Mob: 98451-82716 or 78927-98768.

Bakery & Confectionery

The Department of Tourism under the Skill Development Training Programme, has invited applications from eligible candidates for a free training in bakery and confectionery. The training will be provided for six weeks for candidates aged between 18 and 35 years with a pass in 8th standard on stipend basis. Training will be provided at Food Craft Institute, Kannada Karanji Building, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, in city. [Ph: 0821-2445388, Mob: 63620-18821]

'Koti Kanta Gayana Programme'

A meeting has been called at the DC's Office on Oct. 19 at 11 am in connection with 'Koti Kanta Gayana Programme' to be organised on Oct. 28 as part of the 67th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations by Kannada and Culture Department. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) and the President of National Festivals Celebrations Committee will preside. For details call Ph: 0821-251325 or Mob: 94482-44340, according to a press release.

'Pond Man' Kere Kamegowda dies at 84

PM Modi had referred to him as one of the "water warriors" of the country

Mandya, Oct. 17- 'Pond Man' Kamegowda, popularly known as Kere Kamegowda, a shepherd from a remote Dasanadoddi village in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district, who had found a place in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' for creating over 17 ponds that was aired on All India Radio on June 28, 2020, passed away due to age-related ailments at his house early this morning.

The PM had said, "Kamegowda takes out his animals for grazing, but at the same time he has taken it upon himself to build new ponds in his area. He wants to overcome the problem of water scarcity in his area and is engaged in work on constructing small ponds. Today, the entire area has got a new lease of life on account of these ponds."

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) had also honoured him with a free lifetime bus pass in 2020.

Kamegowda, who had no formal education, had turned an entire Kundooru Betta hillside at Dasanadoddi village green over the past four decades.

About 42 years ago, Kamegowda realised that Kundooru Betta (Hill), which is located beside his village, had very less greenery. Realising that there was no water retention on the hill as whatever water it received from the rain, either ran down the hillside or got evaporated or absorbed, he thought of developing a watering hole for animals and birds and went on to create more than 16 ponds. With a desire to ensure a green cover on the Kundooru Betta, Kamegowda had also planted more than 2,000 saplings on the hillock. Today, there is a lush jungle on the hillock that is a treat to the eyes.

Documentary Film Director T. Kempanna's documentary on the legendary water warrior Kamegowda, was selected for the International Film Festival of India under Nature category, organised by the Government of India.

Madikeri Akashvani, in its 'Krishi Ranga' programme on July 15, 2020, had featured 'Pond Man' Kamegowda in a programme.

Awards received

Recognising Kamegowda's selflessness, the State Government had awarded Rajyotsava Award in November 2018. Smt. D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation and Sri M. Gopinath Shenoi Charitable Trust, Mysuru, had also presented an award to Kamegowda in 2018. City's Rangayana had felicitated Kamegowda in 2017.

In 2020, Kamegowda, who was suffering from neurological problems, suddenly developed severe pain in his right leg following which he was admitted to Malavalli Taluk Hospital.

District Health Officer (DHO), Tahsildar, Executive Officer and others, who came to know that Kamegowda was admitted to the hospital, had rushed to the hospital and enquired his health.

The officials had also instructed the doctors to provide necessary treatment and also shift Kamegowda to a private hospital in Mysuru for treatment if necessary.

Kamegowda leaves behind two children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at Dasanadoddi village today evening and a host of taluk, district officials and other dignitaries are expected to attend.

Part-time job: Online fraudster cheats woman of Rs. 80,000

Mysuru, Oct. 17- Online fraudster has cheated a woman of Rs. 80,000 on the pretext of getting her a part time job.

The woman, who was cheated, is a resident of Veeranagere and an employee of a private firm.

The fraudster, who had sent a website link pertaining to online part time job to the phone number of the woman, told her to click on the link and follow the instructions.

Later, the fraudsters siphoned off a total of Rs. 80,000 in stages thus cheating her.

A case has been registered at city's CEN Police Station.

Women in the guise of customers steal gold from jewellery store

Mysuru, Oct. 17- Two women, who had come to a jewellery store on the pretext of purchasing gold jewellery, have stolen a pair of gold earrings, according to the complaint lodged at Devaraja Police Station.

The theft took place at Surana Jewellery store on Devaraj Urs Road in city. The women, who came to the store at about 6.30 pm, saw a few gold ornaments during which they stole a pair of gold earrings weighing 17 grams and worth Rs. 1.80 lakh, according to the complaint.

Devaraja Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	124.70 feet
Yesterday	:	124.58 feet
Inflow	:	54,311 cusecs
Outflow	:	52,115 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,283.58 feet
Inflow	:	5,698 cusecs
Outflow	:	800 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,854.03 feet
Inflow	:	1,438 cusecs
Outflow	:	258 cusecs

Government drops plans to curtail powers of Gram Panchayat Presidents

Bengaluru, Oct. 17- Even as opposition is growing to the Government's plans for bringing amendments to Gram Panchayat Act with an intention of curtailing the powers of Gram Panchayat (GP) Heads and Members, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has rejected the proposal.

Speaking to presspersons after meeting the Chief Minister recently, Jnanendra said that the Chief Minister has rejected the move for making amendments to Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993. Maintaining that the Panchayat Raj system has been the foundation of democracy and largely helps in sprouting leadership in rural areas, Araga Jnanendra said that the Government was committed for strengthening the system and for devolution of power.

Meanwhile, Opposition Legislators have welcomed the Government's decision to drop the plan.

MLCs C.N. Manjegowda, Dinesh Gooligowda and Dr. D. Thimmaiah said that they would welcome the Government's decision on the matter.

Asserting that any plans for curtailing the powers of GP Members will severely disturb the Panchayat system, they recalled that they had raised concerns with the Chief Minister and had appealed him to drop the proposal in the better interests of Panchayat bodies.

Woman missing

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (KS)- A 47-year-old woman, who left her house on Oct. 10, has since gone missing.

Manju

The missing woman is Manju, wife of Srinivas and a resident of 4th Cross in V.V. Mohalla. She is 5 ft. tall, normal built, wheatish complexioned and speaks Kannada.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact V.V. Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314/ 514 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Elderly citizens to get necessary help: District Health Officer

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (MTY&DM)- As part of Senior Citizens Day, a Palliative Care initiative coupled with an awareness programme on Government facilities and benefits for seniors, was held at PKTB Sanatorium on KRS Road here on Saturday.

The programme was jointly organised by the Health and Family Welfare Department, MMC&RI and Saragur's Swami Vivekananda Institute.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad said that Palliative Care Centres have been set up by the Government in association with a few voluntary organisations. Pointing out that these centres will help lessen the pain of patients suffering from cancer, stroke and HIV, he said that the centres will also act as care centres of senior citizens suffering from various ailments.

Maintaining that measures have been taken to treat the elderly, he said that spiritualism too is being given importance at these centres. Noting that the Palliative Care Centre has 20 beds at present, Dr. Prasad said that doctors, nurses and counsellors have been deputed to take care of the elderly.

This apart, the elderly will be sensitised on Government facilities and benefits under various schemes, he said adding that spiritualism as per religious practices of different faiths too will be part of comforting the elderly. Counselling and contact services are also available in this programme, he added.

Earlier, an awareness jatha was taken out by students of various Nursing Colleges in city. The rally, which commenced from ED Hospital on KRS Road, passed through various localities, before culminating at PKTB Sanatorium.

Saragur Vivekananda Memorial Hospital Surgeon Dr. M.R. Seetharam, Health and Family Welfare Joint Director Dr. Rajeshwari, District Surveillance Officer Dr. N. Mahadevaprasad, PKTB Sanatorium Medical Superintendent Dr. C. Prashanth, Senior Citizens Welfare Officer Malathi, Rotary District Governor Rtn. N. Prakash Karanth, Rotary North President Rtn. Dr. S.H. Jagadish and others were present.

Yoga a great antidote to stress: Senior Civil Judge

Senior Civil Judge Devaraja Bhute

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (MTY&BCT)- Studies and personal experiences of people have shown that the practice of *asana, pranayama* and *dhyana* have the ability to still not only the mind but also the body, thus lowering anxiety levels and stress, said Senior Civil Judge Devaraja Bhute.

He was speaking after inaugurating a special lecture programme on stress relief at Crawford Hall on Wednesday, jointly organised by the Department of Studies, Social Work, University of Mysore and District Mental Health programme as part of World Mental Health Day.

Yoga has long been known to be a great antidote to stress. Yoga combines many popular stress-reducing techniques, including exercise and learning to control the breath, clear the mind, and relax the body, he said.

"Establishing a consistent yoga routine is the best way to experience the difference yoga can make. Many youths, as well as professionals, are giving more importance to physical health than mental health," he said.

"In this competitive age, there is increased stress factor and every field has its own pressure scenarios. The judicial system also has its own stressful aspects for the litigants, advocates and judges. A disciplined lifestyle combined with Yoga and meditation can lead to good mental and physical well-being," Devaraja Bhute said.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that mental health is the foundation for individual well-being and the effective functioning of a community.

When in a state of good mental health, a person has a generally positive outlook and can accomplish daily tasks, maintain relationships and engage in meaningful recreation, he added.

The World Health Organisation has reported a sharp rise in the number of people experiencing mental illness in recent years, with the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbating mental health problems throughout the world. "It is more important than ever to address mental health issues to stay mentally healthy and keep up with educational and personal goals," the VC opined.

District Health Officer Dr. K.H. Prasad felt that it is necessary to set boundaries and communicate needs and seek help in case of need. "We need to be flexible to changing circumstance and there should be no shame in seeking out mental healthcare just as one would not feel shame in seeking medical care for physical health issues," he said.

Prof. Venkatesh of the Department of Psychology gave a special lecture on mental health and said every individual has one or other kind of pressure. "We must accept challenges and cope with stress effectively and there are many solutions for stress relief and safeguarding mental health," he said.

Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Social Work Department Head Dr. Jyothi, District Mental Health Officer Dr. Manjuprasad and others were present.

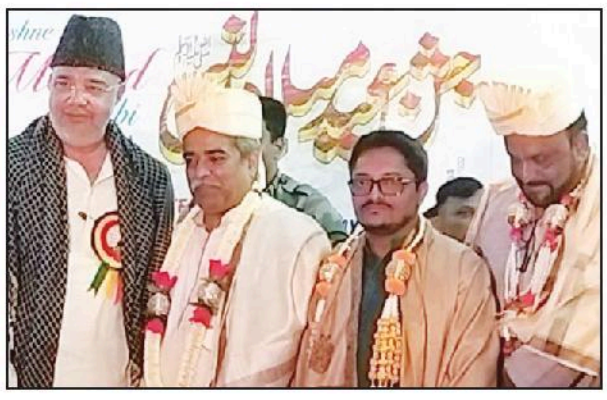
Mysore Chalo: Freedom fighters to take out procession on Oct. 24

Mysuru, Oct.17- Commemorating the *Mysore Chalo* Movement, freedom fighters under the banner of Mysuru City and District Freedom Fighters Association will take out a procession in the city on Oct.24.

The procession will commence from Subbarayanakere Grounds along Chamaraja Double Road at 11 am. The procession which features a Chariot (Sarot), will pass through Ramaswamy Circle, Sanskrit Pathashala Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Jaganmohan Palace, Avila Convent Road and N.S. Road before returning to Subbarayanakere Grounds.

Prior to the procession, the stage programme will take place at the Freedom Fighters Association Office in Subbarayanakere Grounds, according to Association President Y.C. Revanna.

Felicitation marks Eid Meelad-un-Nabi celebration



Mysuru, Oct. 17 (KS) - Felicitation to dignitaries by Hazarath Tipu Sultan Shaheed Welfare and Urus Committee marked Eid Meelad-un-Nabi celebration, organised by Central Meelad Committee at a function organised at Meelad Park on Ashoka Road here recently.

The celebrations began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by Hafiz Mohamed Muzammil and lectures on life and teachings of Prophet Mohammed were held.

Sir khazi of Mysuru Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff presided. MLA Tanveer Sait, who is the President of Central Meelad Committee was present.

Hazrath Moulana Syed Shahabuddin Nadvi, Hon. Secretary of the Board of Islamic Education Karnataka Moulana Riaz Ahmed, Moulana Mufti Mohamed Sulthan Qasmi, Moulana Dr. Mohamed Haziq Nadvi delivered lectures on the life and teachings of Prophet Mohammed.

After the function, tableaux prepared by various Meelad Committees and Masjids were taken in a procession from Meelad Park which passed through Meena Bazar, Sawday Road, Savoy Chowk and culminated at Dr. Zakir Hussain Circle (Mission Hospital Circle). Namaz-e-Isha was held at 10 pm in Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road.

Earlier, Secretary of Muslim Girls Orphanage Abdul Azeez Chand welcomed. Hafiz Mohamed Umar Farooq and Hafiz Rizwan Shariff presented Naath-e-Shariff.

Dignitaries felicitated

Meanwhile, Secretary of Hazarath Tipu Sultan Shaheed Welfare and Urus Committee Afroze Pasha felicitated Sir Khazi Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff, MLA and Chairman of Central Meelad Committee Tanveer Sait, Hon. Secretary of Muslim Girls Orphanage Hazarath Abdul Azeez Chand, Secretary of Muslim Boys Orphanage Anwar Pasha, Urdu journalist Afsar Pasha, Digital Media Association President Safdar Khaisar, Mudasir Pasha, Afsar Mysorie, Saniya, Hameed and DCC Minority Department Spokesperson Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi.

Chairman of Al Khalid Educational and Charitable Trust Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed, President of Nimra Masjid Khadeer Ahmed, Central Meelad Committee Secretary Moyeenuddin Pasha, Joint Secretary Mayraj Habeeb, President of Salam Welfare Association Abdul Salam and others were present.

Bangladesh youth delegation in Mysuru

Visits KRS, Mysore Palace; Holds presentation and discussion at UoM

Joint Director of Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports K.L. Subhash Chandra addressing the gathering at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri this morning as others look on. Picture right shows the members of Bangladesh youth delegation along with officials of Nehru Yuva Kendra during their visit to KRS yesterday.

Mysuru, Oct.17 (MTY&TRR)- Following an initiative by the Union Ministry of Youth and Sports to create an international perspective among youths in collaboration with other countries to promote peace and understanding through international exchange of Youth Delegation, a 102-member Bangladesh Youth Delegation, comprising 52 women, is on a tour of India from Oct.12 to 19 as part of the International Youth Exchange Programme. The objective of the programme is to promote exchange of ideas, values and culture amongst the youths of various countries and also to develop international understanding among the youths as well as to strengthen the relation between the countries.

The Bangladesh Youth delegation is visiting places of economic, technological, industrial, cultural and historical importance in India.

The youth delegation is on a tour of Karnataka and reached Bengaluru on Oct. 15. The delegation arrived in Mysuru on Oct. 16 and visited Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill and KRS Dam. During their visit to KRS Dam, the youth delegates evinced keen interest about knowing the history of the Dam like, who built it and when. They saw the automatic gates of the Dam, musical fountain and sought information about how they function.

At Mysore Palace, they appreciated the wall paintings in the Palace and learnt about its Vastu aspects. The youth delegation thoroughly enjoyed their KRS and Mysore Palace visits.

This morning, the Bangaladesh Youth delegation comprising doctors, advocates, journalists and from industrial and cultural fields, participated in a presentation and discussion programme on 'India-Bangladesh Relations: International Perspectives among Youth in Promoting Peace and Understanding' at University of Mysore's (UoM) Vijnana Bhavan Auditorium in Manasagangothri campus.

Director of Nehru Yuva Kendra (Bengaluru) M.N. Nataraj was the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Nataraj said that the entire world is looking towards India because of its huge population of youths. In a population of about 130 crore, 40 percent are youths, he added. "Since only India is poised to supply human resources in all fields to the entire world, countries across the globe are looking towards India. India has a youth population that no other country in the world has. In addition, by embarking Youth Delegation Exchange Programmes, we are disseminating our culture to other countries and also exchanging views in various sectors including education and culture. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Youth Empowerment are working in this direction. All of you have been brought here under the programme of the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports," he added.

Stating that students of many countries including Bangladesh are studying in the UoM, Nataraj said that they are understanding our culture apart from pursuing their education. "Because of this, today's programme is playing an important role in exploring the similarities as well as the diversities between the two countries," he added.

Regional Director of NSS (Bengaluru) Govt. of India K.V. Khadrinarasimhaiah and State NSS Officer Prathap Lingaiah were the Guests of Honour.

Co-ordinator of NSS-ETI at NSS Bhavan of University of Mysore Prof. B, Chandrashekara, Director of the Department of Physical Education at University of Mysore Dr. Krishnaiah and Director of International Centre at University of Mysore Prof. G.R. Janardhana were present at the interaction programme.

Status of 10-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway

Water-logging issues being addressed, clarifies NHAI

Bypasses at Srirangapatna, Maddur, Mandya to open by December end

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (RK&BCT)- The water-logging issues on the 10-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway are being addressed and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is working closely with the project contractors to prevent future flooding.

The Highway was again in the news on Oct. 15 and Oct. 16 after a stretch between Mandya and Maddur was flooded following a breach in Boodanuru Lake during overnight rains. As a result, buses from Mysuru to Bengaluru were plying through Malavalli.

Though the flooding was for a short period, it resulted in commuters facing a lot of inconvenience and long traffic jams. Even the Bengaluru Traffic Police advised commuters to use the Bengaluru-Nagamangala-Pandavapura-Srirangapatna-Mysuru road. Even in August, the Boodanuru Lake was flooded and traffic on the Highway was disrupted for two days.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, NHAI Project Director B.T. Sridhar said that they are implementing remedial measures to prevent flooding of the Highway, especially at underpasses. "Natural calamities are not in our control but I can say that all technical issues of the Highway are being addressed to prevent flooding," he said.

The NHAI is doing the road and drainage audit to prevent water-logging and ensure vehicles move smoothly even in the wake of heavy rainfall.

Meanwhile, the NHAI will be in a position to open the bypasses at Maddur, Mandya and Srirangapatna by the end of December 2022. "The main work on the Highway has been completed and there are additional works as many villagers and elected representatives are demanding several underpasses in their area. We need to take approval and clearance before implementing the underpass works. This has caused a delay. However, we are confident that all additional works will be completed by March 2023," Sridhar added.

Congress Presidential poll

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The next Congress President will be announced the same day soon after the counting concludes, according to sources.

This election is also historic for the Congress party since it would be the sixth time in its 137-year-old history that an electoral contest would decide who would take up the mantle of the Party's President.

Sonia Gandhi is the longest serving Congress President, who has been at the helm since 1998, barring two years between 2017 and 2019, when her son Rahul Gandhi was in charge. Non-Gandhi leaders who have held the post include K. Kamaraj, P.V. Narasimha Rao, S. Nijalingappa, Sitaramayya and others.

Prior to this, the elections to the Presidential post were held in 1939, 1950, 1977, 1997 and 2000. Kharge, the 80-year-old veteran leader from Karnataka, who quit his post as the Opposition Leader in the Rajya Sabha to contest the AICC polls, is considered as the firm favourite because of his perceived proximity to the Gandhi family and backing by senior party leaders from across the States. His lone opponent Shashi Tharoor, the vocal MP from Kerala, has pitched himself as 'the candidate for change.' During the campaign, both candidates, who criss-crossed the States seeking support, have maintained that the Gandhis are neutral and that there is no 'official candidate.'

KRS Dam full

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As the bridge is submerged, tourists cannot cross over to enjoy the musical fountains.

Musical fountain and illumination are a regular feature at KRS Dam and usually there is one hour of illumination and musical fountain on weekdays and on Saturdays, Sundays and Government holidays, it is extended up to two hours. Now as the North Gate musical fountain and illumination is cancelled, tourists can enjoy the illumination only at the South Gate.

Talacauvery gears up for Theerthodbhava tonight

Madikeri, Oct. 17 (PS&BCT)- The Annual Theerthodbhava at Talacauvery will be held today (Oct. 17) at 7.21 pm as per the Hindu almanac at Mesha Lagna. While the rituals and rites related to the event will commence at 5 pm, the Theerthodbhava is slated to take place at 7.21 pm.

Theerthodbhava celebrates the birth of River Cauvery at Talacauvery located on Brahmagiri hill ranges in Kodagu. At this auspicious predetermined time, it is believed that Goddess Cauvery comes in the form of a fountain-head where water gushes up from Brahmakundike.

Apart from devotees from Kodagu, a large number of people from Mandya, Mysuru, Bengaluru, Kerala and Tamil Nadu are expected to witness the religious ceremonies.

In 2020 and 2021, the festival was held amidst COVID pandemic and there were a lot of restrictions. This year, however, there will be no restrictions and thousands of devotees are expected to pour into the holy places of Talacauvery and Bhagamandala.

From Kodagu, Mysuru and Bengaluru, Kodava community members have arranged special buses and vehicles to transport the devotees to Talacauvery.

Ornaments of Goddess

Talacauvery Temple authorities said that several rituals associated with the event started from Oct. 15 itself and jewellery of the Goddess were brought to Talacauvery from District Treasury.

The Kodagu District Administration has made all arrangements to facilitate devotees who come from various parts of the country to be a part of the holy event. Arrangements have been made for devotees at Talacauvery and Triveni Sangama and Sri Bhagandeshwara Temple at Bhagamandala. Devotees have been asked to bring steel or copper containers instead of plastic bottles or pots for collecting Holy water (Theertha). This year, plastic has been banned in Talacauvery. Usually hundreds of people, holding plastic pots and bottles, rush to the Brahmakundike after taking a dip in the Kalyani to collect the Holy water.

At the Triveni Sangama at Bhagamandala, silt has been removed from the side of the river to enable devotees to take a risk-free dip in the holy river. Arrangements have also been made for devotees for the ritualistic 'Pinda Pradhana' and tonsuring of heads. The State Government has released Rs. 60 lakh to conduct the festival.

Devotees can park their vehicles for free at Talacauvery and Bhagamandala for three days and also, KSRTC has deployed additional buses to carry devotees to Talacauvery and Bhagamandala.

Free food distribution

Voluntary service organisations like the Kodagu Ekikarana Ranga have taken on the responsibility of providing free food to the devotees. In fact, the Kodagu Ekikarana Ranga has been providing free food for years and as every year, this year too, breakfast and mid-day meal will be made available in the entire Tula month from Oct. 17 to Nov. 17.

High-mast lights have been installed near the holy pond which has been cleaned and this year, devotees will be permitted to take a holy dip. LED screens have been installed. The Kannada and Culture Department has organised a cultural programme and a 'Nandadeepa' was lit at Bhagamandala as a traditional practice.

Five District Armed Reserve and two Karnataka State Reserve Police battalions and around 400 Policemen have been put on duty. Four teams have been formed by the District Health Department to operate near Bhagamandala Hospital, Bhagandeshwara Temple, Talacauvery and en route Talacauvery. The teams have doctors, four ambulances and eight staff nurses.

With just six months for elections…

CM Bommai gives a booster dose for DCs

'Work with calm mind and time sense'

Bengaluru, Oct. 17 (KMS&BCT)- With just six months left for the high-stakes Assembly elections and the clock ticking away, the BJP Government is making all efforts to project a clean and efficient administrator image.

This morning, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai called for a virtual meeting of Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of all districts in the Conference Hall of Vidhana Soudha and told them that their timely decisions must help people and they must work with calm mind and time sense. Insiders said that the Chief Minister has given a booster dose for all DCs and has asked them to perform like clockwork.

"For any IAS officer, working as DC is considered very important and it is not important what kind of footsteps that one will leave behind. Now most of you have only seen the power of the DC's post by not taking into account the responsibility and administration that comes with the power. Ruling is different and administration is different, and both must be considered while working," he added.

The CM said they are part of the administration and have a lot of powers too. The DCs must know how important their decisions are in the management of administration. There will be 101 reasons not to do any particular work but one reason is enough to do a good work. So, they must govern by taking decisions in time. The guidance of senior officers must be taken in case of any problems, he said.

"I want everyone to share their experiences openly and then only it will help the Government to make suitable decisions. There have been Government orders regarding the implementation of policies and programmes announced in the State Budget, and they must implement it and achieve the target by year-end," he ordered.

"The Budget implementation is a responsibility that you have to ensure. If the DC and DC's Offices are proactive, it would make the administration proactive automatically. The DCs should respond to the woes of the people immediately," he said.

Ministers R. Ashoka, J.C. Madhuswamy, V. Sunil Kumar, C.C. Patil, V. Somanna, B. Sriramulu, K. Gopalaiah, Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma and other senior officers were present.

Helping Hands fetes Govt. School HM

Helping Hands, under its Shiksha Project, felicitated former Head Master (HM) of Ittigegud Government School Suresh Mallangi, now serving as the Head Master of Government School of Kiranpur (Varuna hobli), for his appreciable service. He is seen with President of Helping Hands Mahaveer Khabiya, Secretary Anand Patwa, Treasurer Rajan Baghmar, Members Manohar Sankala, Prakash Gandhi, Jambu Lodha, BEO Malleshwari, Mahadevappa, Mahadev, Kumararadhya and CRP Shilpa.

Agricultural fields inundated as Hebbal Lake canal breaches

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (SBD&KS)- The canal carrying overflowing water from Hebbal Lake has breached, flooding the nearby agricultural fields.

With rains pouring continuously since four days, the Hebbal Lake is full and a large quantity of water is overflowing into the canal which has been constructed to carry overflowing water from the Lake. With continuous downpour, a large quantity of water is overflowing into the canal and the canal, unable to withstand the pressure, has breached inundating coconut plantations and other agri fields.

Meanwhile, public have expressed fear of more damage if the rain continues and more water overflows from the Lake. They said that there are chances of the canal breaching at more places and causing more damages to crops. They said that apart from getting the breached portion of the canal repaired, the authorities should inspect the full length of the canal and take precautionary steps to prevent the canal from breaching further.

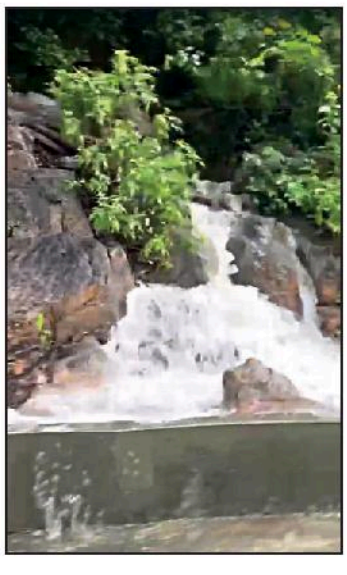
The public alleged that the Lake, which has been rejuvenated and beautified by Infosys Foundation's Dr. Sudha Murty is now crying for attention as storm water drains passing through Vijayanagar, Manchegowdanakoppal and Hebbal, apart from carrying rain water, were also carrying huge amount of plastics, which are flowing into the Lake.

"Despite making several representations, no action has been initiated by the authorities to prevent plastic wastes from entering the Lake," they regretted.

Meanwhile, continuous downpour in city has flooded low-lying areas on Saturday and rain water had entered many houses. Whenever it rains, Sayyaji Rao Road, Bamboo Bazar, Jodi Tenginamara Road in Bannimantap, road leading from Bannimantap to Karakushalanagar, Railway Underbridges on roads connecting the Outer Ring Road gets flooded and resembles lakes causing a lot of inconvenience to motorists especially two-wheeler riders.

Rains create water springs at Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, Oct. 17- Continuous rains in city has created springs resembling a small waterfalls on the road from Chamundi Hill towards Uttanahalli.



Water can be seen gushing from between the rocks and boulders and flowing downstream on the roadside.

The rains have created many springs and waterfalls. Devikere is also full to the brim and water is overflowing and joining the water flowing downstream thus flooding the Uttanahalli road, said a resident of Chamundi Hill.

City inlay artist creates 11 ft. tall elephant, gifts it to actor Upendra

PIC. 1: ***The inlay work of howdah carrying elephant which was presented to actor Upendra recently.*** *PIC. 2:* ***Inlay artist Muniyappa with Upendra, when he had presented an inlay elephant work in 2012.*** *PIC. 3:* ***Muniyappa with the turtle-shaped Ashtalakshmi inlay at his workshop.*** *PIC. 4:* ***Inlay of the famous 'Glow of Hope' painting in finishing stages.***

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (KS)- City wood inlay artist Muniyappa, who began his career as a carpenter, making pushcarts and mastered the art in wood inlay works with rigorous practice and dedication, has created a tall inlay work of a howdah elephant and has gifted the same to Sandalwood actor Upendra on his birthday recently.

The elephant inlay work is 11.6 ft. tall, 5 ft. long and is 2 ft. thick. "It costs about Rs. 2.12 lakh and it took two months for me and my brother to create it," said Muniyappa, a resident of Tilaknagar.

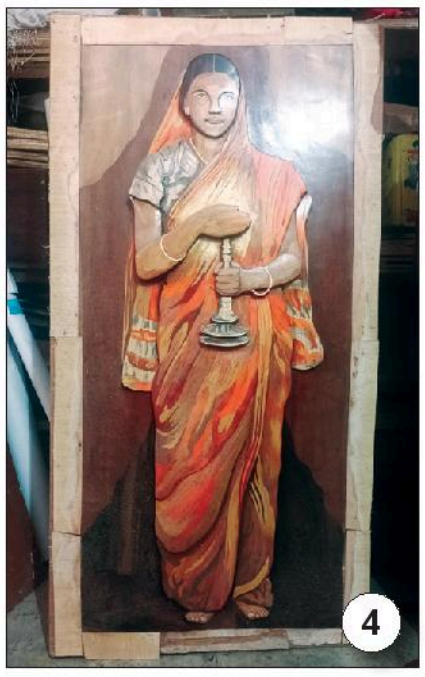
Stating that he presented the elephant inlay work to actor Upendra as he is close to the actor, Muniyappa said that he has a passion towards cinema and has written a few screenplays and lyrics besides working in a few films of the 'Real Star' Upendra.

Born into a carpenter's family, Muniyappa, who studied till 7th standard, involved himself in the family business of making pushcarts for street vendors and later tried his hands on wood inlay. His elder brother Keshavachari taught him the inlay work skills.

Pointing out that he never uses artificial colours, Muniyappa said that he used natural coloured wood of various trees such as Sampige, Jackfruit, Rose Wood, Teak, Blueberry, Slate Mathi (it has several colour shades based on its age) to come out with a fine inlay work.

He said that wood inlays are made by cutting a shaped pocket on wood and then filling that pocket with another wood piece cut to the same shape. "It sounds very simple, but it is not an easy task. Mastering the art of drawing and cutting the wood according to the image and joining them together to form an art piece requires patience and dedication," he said.

Muniyappa has so far created wood inlays of Jumboo Savari, Ravana, Ganapathi and is in the process of completing inlay works of the **'Glow of Hope,' alternately titled 'Woman With the Lamp,' a painting by S.L. Haldankar.**



'Display of Dasara Dolls increases concentration power'

Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi distributes prizes to winners

Mysuru, Oct.17 (GA&TRR)- "Display of dolls during Dasara festivities has a scientific reason. It is believed that it will increase the concentration level," opined Principal of Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi.

He was speaking after distributing prizes for the winners of "Dasara Bombe Jodane Sparde- 2022," organised jointly by Bharat Vikas Parishad Mysuru's Bharadwaja Branch and Ramsons Kala Pratishtana, at Nazarbad's Bombe Mane premises recently.

"I am from North Karnataka and only a few households used to display dolls at their homes during Dasara. But in Mysuru region, people show more interest in the display of Dasara dolls. But the art is diminishing at some places," he regretted.

Dr. Joshi recalled that he and his cousins used to visit their grandmother's house to display dolls. "Grandmother used to tell us stories about every doll and its significance. Display of dolls is a continuation of our culture and tradition which is helping in nation building. AYUSH Department is also training children to make dolls on their own. Due to this, the level of concentration will increase among those whose concentration level is less," he concluded.

The prize winners are as follows: **Small Category:** Anasuya Devi (First), Nagaveni (Second) and Suma (Third).

Medium Category: B.R. Balaji (First), C. Shamala (Second) and Padmaja Vasudevan (Third).

Big Category: Annapurna G. Krishna (First), Indrani Shankar (Second) and Sridevi Srivatsa (Third).

Biggest Category: Revathi Ramaswamy (First), Geetha Srihari (Second) and Rajeshwari Ganeshan (Third).

In addition, 30 special prizes also were also given. Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT) Chairman Dr. Murali, Bharat Vikas Parishad's Dr. B.R. Ranganatha Rao, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana's Raghu Dharmendra and others were present.

A budding Wushu Champion...

Pranathi Giridhar is seen with Olympic Bronze medallist Sakshi Malik, who was in Mysuru to inaugurate Dasara wrestling bout at Devaraj Urs Multipurpose Sports Stadium at Doddakere Maidan. Mysuru Additional Superintendent of Police (SP) B.N. Nandini is also seen. *Picture right:* ***Pranathi being honoured by Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning, Youth Empowerment and Sports Department, during Dasara Sports-2022.***

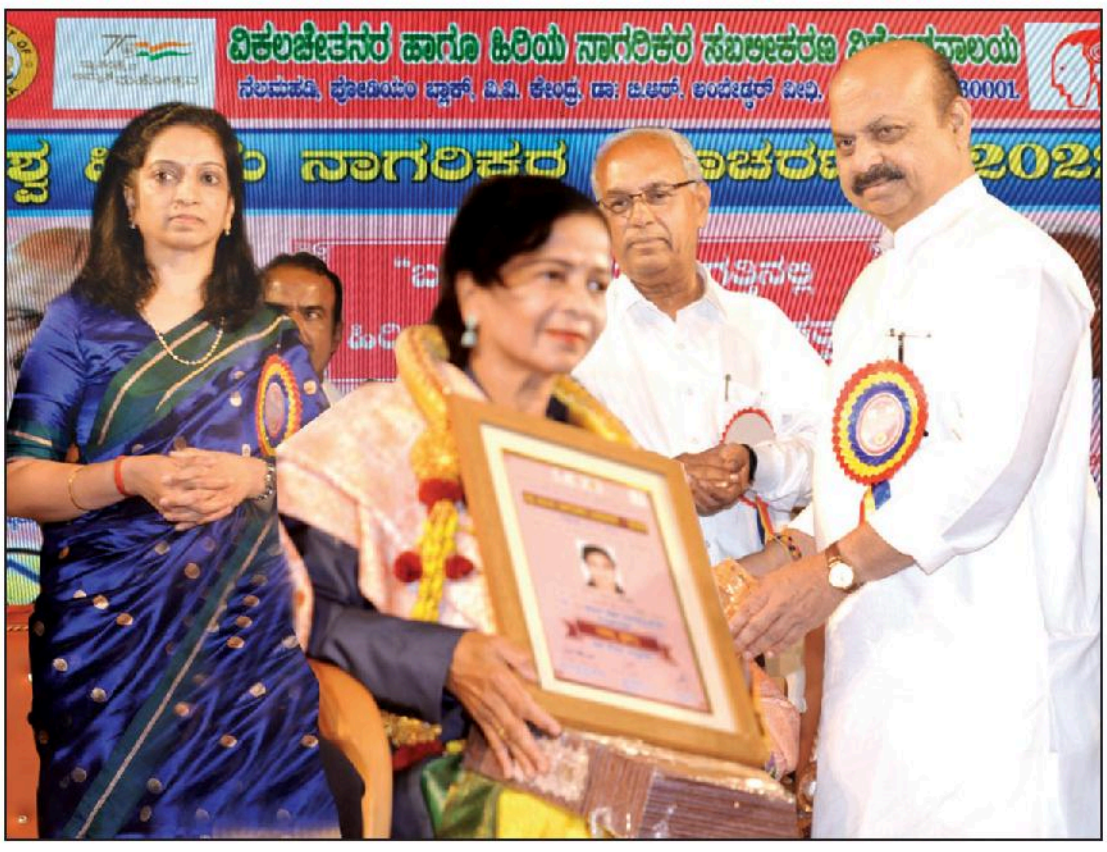
Mysuru, Oct. 17- Pranathi Giridhar, a 2nd standard student of Police Public School (born November 17, 2014), is a budding WUSHU player from Mysuru. She is the current Wushu State Champion in Sub-Junior Category [Below 21 Kg].

She got Gold Medal in 21st Karnataka State WUSHU Championship held at Shivamogga recently which is her hattrick Gold in State-level. She is also a two-time Bronze Medalist at the Nationals. She holds the record of being Youngest Medalist at the National-level.

While the average age of players in the Sub-Junior category who get into the Nationals is 10 to 12 years, Pranathi holds a National Medal at the age of 7. She was also a State-level Gold Medallist at the age of 6. That depicts her spirit, dedication and love towards the game. She has also served as Resource Person and Trained the children with Special Needs and Caregivers for Wushu in the Summer Camp 2022 held at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru. That's another feather to her cap.

Pranathi is trained under U. Darshan, a National Institute of Sports (NIS) Coach in Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium. NIS is the Academic Wing of Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Asia's largest Sports Institute. Pranathi is the daughter of Photographer S.D. Giridhar and L. Sangeetha couple, Mysuru.

State Award for Master Athlete



International Master Athlete Vijaya Ramesh from Mysuru being conferred with State Award (Sports) by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on the occasion of World Senior Citizens Day celebrations recently. IAS Officer N. Manjula is also seen. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh. Vijaya Ramesh has taken part in Hurdles, High Jump and Long Jump in Masters State, National and International level Tournaments apart from taking part in the World Championships. She has represented India 16 times including 3 World Meets. She has the credit of being the first woman to have won 14 medals abroad. President of Mysuru Masters Games Association and a Member of Rotary Club of Mysore East, she has been conferred with various awards including Kannada Rajyotsava Award. Vijaya Ramesh, wife of ex-Serviceman Ramesh and a resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage in city, can be contacted on Mob: 98455-62413.

Mysuru's yoga champ Kushi wins Silver at National Games

Mysuru, Oct. 17- International Yoga exponent from Mysuru, H. Kushi has bagged Silver Medal in Rhythmic Yogasana contest at the 36th National Games held at Ahmedabad in Gujarat recently. Yoga was included for the first time in the National Games, in which Karnataka won one Gold, two Silver and two Bronze.

Kushi is studying first year Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yoga Degree course at the Government Nature Cure and Yoga College in city. She has been practicing under the guidance of Dr. P.N. Ganesh Kumar of Vivekananda Yoga and Research Centre, Mysuru, for the past 8 years. She is also a recipient of the prestigious Rajyotsava Award.

She is the daughter of H. Kumuda and S. Hemachandra, an employee at Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Ltd., Mysuru, residing in Hebbal. She can be contacted on Mob: 99720-47999.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gargantuan

Pronunciation: gahr-GAN-chuh-wuhn.

Meaning: Gargantuan means "very large in size or amount."

Origin: Gargantua is the name of a giant king in François Rabelais's 16th-century satiric novel Gargantua, the second part of a five-volume series about the giant and his son Pantagruel. All of the details of Gargantua's life befit a giant. He rides a colossal mare whose tail switches so violently that it fells the entire forest of Orleans. He has an enormous appetite, such that in one incident he inadvertently swallows five pilgrims while eating a salad. The scale of everything connected with Gargantua led to the adjective gargantuan, which since William Shakespeare's time has been used for anything of tremendous size or volume.

Example: "We rode a horse-drawn carriage up to the gargantuan Grand Hotel, still embracing its luxury 1887 roots. After a tour of the quirkily colored suites, we settled in for a lunch of local smoked whitefish in the airy restaurant." — Simon Peter Groebner.

THE ODD WORD

Galatea

Striped cotton.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Greatest thing since sliced bread

Meaning: The idiom 'Greatest thing since sliced bread' means that something is the best and most useful innovation or development invented for a long time.

Origin: Sliced bread was first introduced in 1928 by Otto Frederick Rohwedder from Davenport, Iowa, who invented the first loaf-at-a-time bread slicing machine. However, the first record of the idiom is thought to be in 1952, where the famous comedian Red Skelton said in an interview with the Salisbury Times: "Don't worry about television. It's the greatest thing since sliced bread."

Example: "I've bought a new touchscreen computer, it's the greatest thing since sliced bread, I can't believe I ever worked without it."

QUOTE BOX

Good bread is the most fundamentally satisfying of all foods; and good bread with fresh butter, the greatest of feasts.— **James Beard**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

ALL ALL

Answer: Overalls.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Not at all bright
4 Gumshoe or investigator
7 Stomach muscles
10 Biblical garden
12 Ancient or aged
13 South Pacific boat
15 Fortresses or strongholds?
17 Tropical tree
18 Pas' mates
19 Yellow fever bug
20 Coach, cultivate or develop
23 Start of a cheer
25 Indonesian island
26 Son of Daedalus
29 Tiny drink
30 Male child
31 Strong drink
33 A point or aspect of
36 Wings or winglike parts
37 Indian meditation system
38 A culinary herb
39 Is afraid
42 Digit of foot
43 "__ _ Small World" (3,1)
44 Ability to float
49 Rotate
50 Indian National Theatre, in short
51 Extinct flightless bird
52 Suffix with social or tour
53 Tax deducted at source, in short
54 French vineyard -"cur" anagram?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

	C	H	E		R	P	M		A	P	T	
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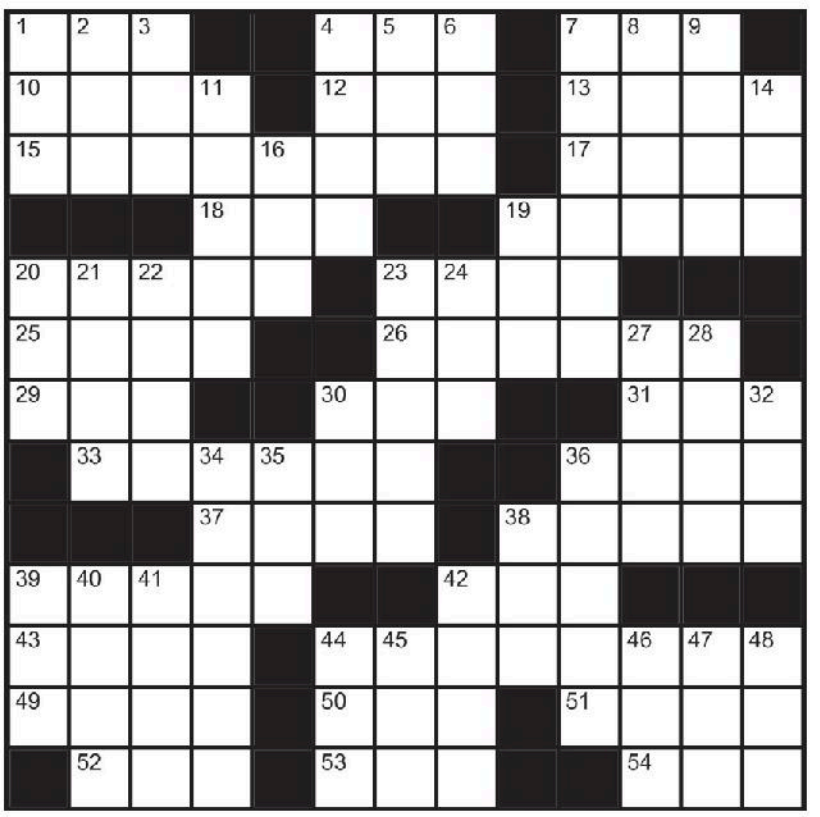
DOWN

1 X-mas month
2 Amin of Uganda
3 Encountered or came across
4 On one's ___ : alert or eager?
5 A tailor's measure
6 Musical discs?
7 Come into view
8 Small nail
9 Type of food fish
11 Inland river of northern NSW
14 Early hrs.
16 Reservoir barrier
19 Actress Gardner
20 Pygmalion, playwright's monogram
21 Rapid surprise attack
22 Greek jug - "pole" broken?
23 Stringed instrument
24 Freezing
27 Frightful to look at
28 Thailand, formerly
30 Large
32 Born in France?
34 Despot
35 Ancient Order of Shepherds
36 Get ___ : make progress, especially socially?
38 Nursery item
39 Suitable
40 A case for needles
41 Aviation Safety Reporting Sys.
42 Infants or children
44 Built-in Test
45 And for the German
46 No objection certificate, acronym
47 abbreviation for Commander?
48 Addressee



SUDOKU

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	1						6	
	6	2		1		7	9	
				2				
9			8		7			5
	8		1		6		2	

Answer to previous puzzle

1	2	7	9	4	5	6	3	8
8	6	5	3	7	1	9	2	4
4	9	3	6	2	8	7	1	5
9	1	6	2	5	7	8	4	3
3	4	8	1	6	9	5	7	2
7	5	2	8	3	4	1	9	6
5	7	1	4	8	3	2	6	9
6	8	4	7	9	2	3	5	1
2	3	9	5	1	6	4	8	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YUK EQPY VEJQAYHDY YUVDN VD IVCK VP YQ PKK

YQ VY YUHY MQO HAK DKRKA LKHYKD.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

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		7.15 pm, 10.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.10 am, 1.10 pm, 4.10 pm,
		7.10 pm, 10.05 pm
	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Rorschach (Ma)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 10.05 pm
Goodbye (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Ponniyin Selvan - Part 1 (Ta)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Doctor G (H)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 7.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Thothapuri Chapter 1 (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm

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Kantara (K)	(S-1)	9.15 am, 12.30 pm, 3.35 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-2)	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	11.35 am, 2.40 pm
		5.45 pm, 8.50 pm
	(S-4)	9.45 am, 7.00 pm
Doctor G (H)	(S-3)	9.00 am
	(S-4)	4.20 pm
Guru Shishyaru (K)	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Ponniyin Selvan - Part 1 (Ta)	(S-4)	10.20 pm

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		4.10 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.20 pm
		9.45 pm,10.30 pm
Kantara (H)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
MRP (K)	:	1.40 pm
Champion (K)	:	6.45 pm
Ponniyin Selvan Part-1 (Ta)	:	11.30 am, 6.30 pm
Ponniyin Selvan - Part 1 (H)	:	3.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Doctor G (H)	:	10.10 am, 4.10 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm
Halloween Ends (E)	:	4.15 pm, 10.10 pm
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		3.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Kantara (K)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 1.00 pm
		3.40 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.50 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.20 pm, 10.00 pm
Doctor G (H)	:	10.00 am, 12.50 pm, 6.30 pm
Ponniyin Selvan - Part 1 (Ta)	:	3.40 pm, 10.05 pm
Thothapuri Chapter 1 (K)	:	7.10 pm

Pejawar Sridhama's Sasyodhyana bags first place in Dasara Garden Contest

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (SBD&SSM)- Pejawar Sridhama's Sasyodhyana has bagged first place in the Garden Contest organised by the Horticulture Department as part of Dasara Flower Show.

This is the 3rd consecutive year that Sridhama has won the first place.

Pejawar Sridhama Horticulture Supervisor Jayaram received the prize at the valedictory of Dasara Flower Show organised at Kuppanna Park in city recently.

Pejawar Mutt Seer late Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji established Pejawar Sridhama for aged people. It is a care home for senior citizens which is located in J.P. Nagar.

Elderly people who are homeless, helpless and have no money are provided shelter here.

Sridhama has created a homely environment to all the inmates by providing facilities such as health check-up, entertainment, nutritious food, separate beds, ambulance etc.

Sridhama has a well-maintained garden with colourful flowers all around.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 17)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** 18th edition of Bombe Mane, the doll extravaganza of Mysuru, Ramsons Bombe Mane, #91, above Amrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Great Bombay Circus:** Three shows at open ground behind Mysuru Zoo, near Karanji Lake, **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade Dolls Show, K.S. Raghavendra has made 170 dolls depicting the life history of Pujya Sri Raghavendra Swamy, Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, **4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Maharatna Trust:** Folk Songs Learning Camp-2022, Kannada & Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan inaugurates, folk scholar and Maharani's Women's College for Commerce and Management Kannada Department Head Prof. Krishnamurthy presides, art patron and social worker K.V. Mallesh and Karnataka Janapada Academy Member G.R. Srivatsa chief guests, Maharatna Trust Founder-President and singer M. Mysore Mahalinga will be present, Namana Kala Mantapa, Krishnamurthypuram, **4 pm.**
- **Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru:** 'Nritya Sapthaha,' Silver Jubilee celebrations and Guru Vandana programme by disciples of Nrityagiri Director Dr. Kripa Phadke, Guru Vandana by Tanmayi Kishore, accompanied by Vidu. Pooja Sugam on natuvanga; Vid. Rohith Bhat on vocal; Vid. Lingaraju on mridanga; Vid. A.P. Krishna Prasad on flute; Costume and Make-up: Sri Rajeshwari Vasthralankara; Comperer: Vidu. S.C. Kathyayini; Maharshi Institutions (Mysuru) Head Dr. Bhavani Shankar presides, LIC of India retired Assistant Division Head HVLN Achar chief guests, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.** [Mob: 94487-70741]
- **Pandit Rajeev Taranath Felicitation Trust:** Sarod Maestro Pt. Rajeev Taranath's 90th birthday celebrations, musical tribute, releasing of felicitation book 'Swarayana,' edited by Ganesh Amingad and Raghupati Thamankar, screening of film 'Pandit Rajeev Taranath — A Life in Music' by Amshan Kumar, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, writer Chandrashekar Kambara, musician Faiyaz Khan and Kannada Sahitya Parishat former President Manu Baligar chief guests, JSS Women's College Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 18)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** 18th edition of Bombe Mane, the doll extravaganza of Mysuru, Ramsons Bombe Mane, #91, above Amrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7 pm.**
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- **Samvahana Prakashakaru, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Book release — Retired English Professor Dr. D.A. Shankar's 'Vaagartha', 'Sharanara Sutta' and 'Ajja Pratyaksha' — by Karnataka Sahitya Academy President Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar, retd. KIKS Director Dr. N.M. Talawar speaks about the book, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, writer Dr. D.A. Shankar, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar and Publisher and Printers D.N. Lokappa of Sri Rajendra Printers and Publishers, Mysuru, will be present, Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **6 pm.**

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Guru Shishyaru (K)	(S-1)	1.00 pm
MRP (K)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Nan Khadar Nan Hudgi Super (K)	(S-2)	10.00 am
Kantara (K)	(S-2)	12.35 pm, 3.35 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.45 pm
		6.00 pm, 9.05 pm
Champion (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am
Shubhamangala (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Modi Ji Ki Beti (H)	(S-4)	4.05 pm
God Father (Te)	(S-4)	6.20 pm
Varaal (Ma)	(S-4)	9.25 pm

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